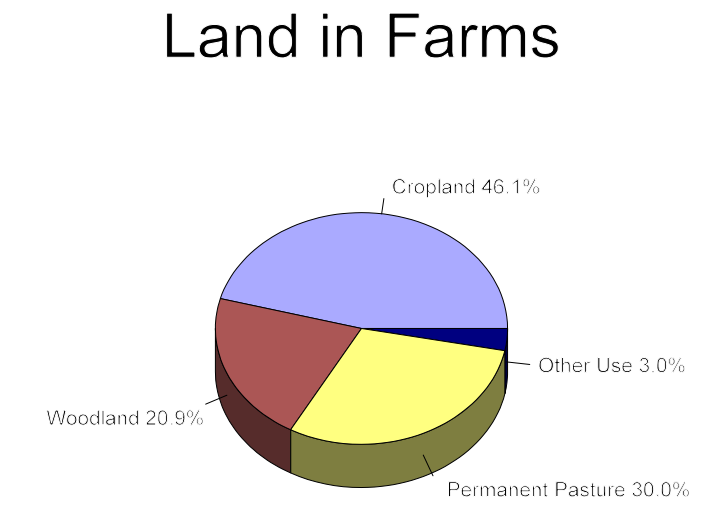
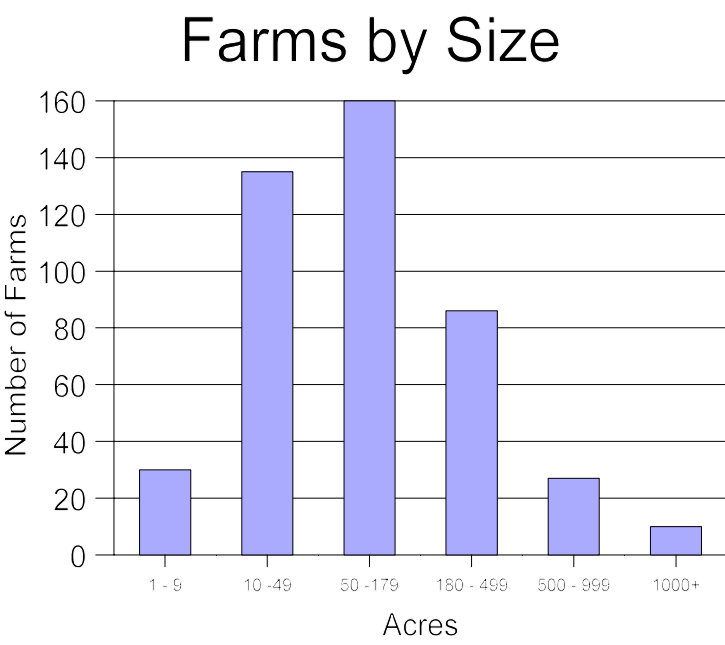


FARMS



Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Farming	199
Other	249
Principal operators by sex:	
Male	391
Female	57
Average age of principal operator (years)	54.6
All operators <sup>5</sup> by race:	
White	617
Black or African American	3
American Indian or Alaska Native	1
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
Asian	1
More than one race	-
All operators <sup>5</sup> of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	5

Footnotes: 1/ Universe is number of counties in state or U.S. with items. 2/ Beginning with 1997, data includes an adjustment for undercoverage. 3/Due to changes in definition and wording of questions, figures for “cropland pasture” and “other pasture” are not always comparable from the Census. Acreage beginning with 1964 refer to pastureland and rangeland, other than cropland and woodland pastured, on farms with sales of agricultural products of \$2,500 and over. 4/ Beginning with 1974, agricultural operations under individual management with annual sales of \$1,000 or more. 5/ Data were collected for a maximum of three operators per farm. NA Not Available. (D) Cannot be disclosed. (Z) Less than ½ of the unit shown. See “Census of Agriculture, Vol. 1, Geographic Series” for complete footnotes.

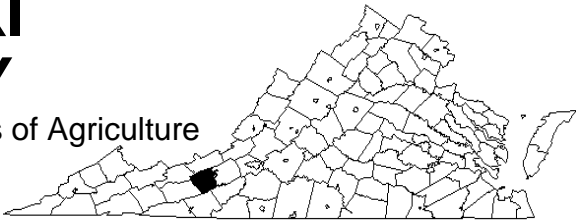


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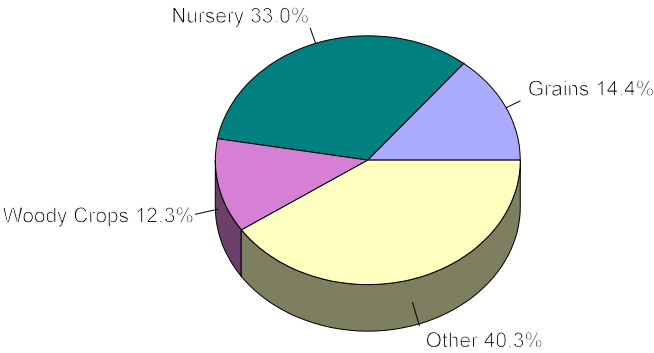
Pulaski County lies in the southwestern part the Great Valley of Virginia. Formed in 1839 from parts of Montgomery and Wythe, the county was named in honor of Count Pulaski, who fought with LaFayette in the battle for the Colonies at Brandywine.

The topography of Pulaski varies from the steep and rugged mountains of the northwestern and southwestern sections to the rolling hills of the central section, including the New River Valley. Elevations range from about 1,600 to 3,600 feet above sea level. The frost free growing season is generally 164 days, while annual precipitation averages 37 inches. Nearly 55 percent of Pulaski is wooded, and part of the Jefferson National Forest is located in the county.

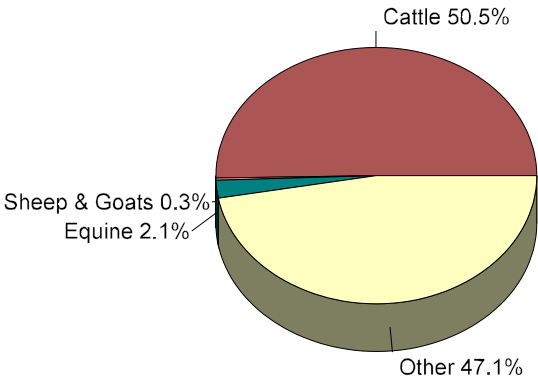
Highlights	2002	1997
Number of Farms	448	449
Land in Farms (acres)	80,922	85,460
Average size of farm	181	190
Market Value of Production		
County Total	\$14,427,000	\$13,398,000
Average per farm	\$32,202	\$29,840
Government Payments	\$215,000	\$126,000

CASH RECEIPTS

Crops



Livestock & Poultry



Ranked Items among the 98 state counties and 3,078 US Counties, 2002

Commodity	Quantity	State Rank	Universe 1/	US Rank	Universe 1/
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	128	65	95	2,321	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	43	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	15	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	(D)	(D)	95	(D)	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	(D)	(D)	93	(D)	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	292	59	95	1,664	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	109	16	76	409	1,774
Other crops and hay	314	63	97	2,274	3,046
Poultry and eggs	(D)	(D)	94	(D)	2,918
Cattle and calves	6,829	21	97	1,268	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	(D)	(D)	83	(D)	2,493
Hogs and pigs	(D)	(D)	90	(D)	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	43	29	93	1,376	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	290	22	94	756	3,014
Aquaculture	-	-	44	-	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	(D)	(D)	87	(D)	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Cattle and calves	24,260	24	97	1,268	3,059
Sheep and lambs	1,247	15	93	824	2,867
Horses and ponies	782	34	97	1,590	3,065
All Goats	427	34	95	1,142	2,971
Layers 20 weeks old and older	414	59	96	2,045	2,983
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	16,725	36	97	1,259	3,059
Corn for silage	1,460	26	87	920	2,307
Corn for grain	797	57	96	1,858	2,592
Cut Christmas trees	305	6	81	289	1,877
All Wheat for grain	259	64	87	1,976	2,517

FARM DATA & LAND USE

YEAR	Number of Farms	Land in Farms	Avg. Value Per Acre For Land & Buildings	LAND USE					
				Cropland			Other Pasture 3/	Woodland	
				Harvested	Other	Pasture		Pasture	Not Pastured
	Number	Acres	Dollars	-Acres-					
1940	1,191	127,157	62	24,890	2,288	62,966	NA	NA	NA
1945	1,089	119,582	80	26,399	668	13,504	53,022	5,914	16,754
1950	1,162	117,341	81	21,627	2,779	23,948	38,238	5,591	28,868
1954	940	110,953	119	17,988	1,787	598	39,196	6,809	18,880
1959	627	101,729	153	16,500	1,711	15,131	39,913	7,711	16,935
1964	496	88,987	154	14,061	1,599	14,697	31,450	NA	NA
1969	382	82,656	246	13,905	1,816	25,683	20,508	3,840	6,257
1974 4/	360	78,086	404	14,413	1,085	18,594	22,597	NA	NA
1978	333	85,813	762	17,213	1,164	21,592	24,098	6,550	12,706
1982	367	77,382	842	18,402	1,290	21,887	16,083	5,981	9,031
1987	360	78,577	980	19,262	1,811	18,735	22,546	6,137	7,621
1992	363	71,803	1,436	16,520	882	18,243	21,785	5,017	6,707
1997 2/	449	85,460	1,445	20,393	834	21,497	23,394	6,071	10,794
2002	448	80,922	2,244	19,619	900	16,758	24,315	4,414	12,526

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